

ORDER OF THE FOUNDERS OF NORTH AMERICA
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 8, 2015
WASHINGTON, D.C.

The annual meeting of the Order of Founders of North America, 1492-1692 (OFNA) was convened by Grand Viscount General Stephen Renouf at 1:18 PM in Senate Room of the Mayflower Hotel in Washington, D.C. Carla Odom gave the invocation, and Cheryl Rios led the pledge to the U.S. Flag. Jane Power was appointed as Parliamentarian. Members in attendance included: Grand Viscount General Stephen Renouf, Deputy Grand Viscount - West USA Cheryl Rios, Registrar General Jane Power, Deputy Viscount General - Italian Carla Odom, Matthew Barlow, Nancy Barlow, David Grinnell, Thaddeus Hartman, and Ann Moore. There were no guests present. Proxies for James Blauer, Judge Edward Butler, Bill Marrs, V. Alan Mode, Barbara Stevens, Larry Stevens, and John Thornhill were presented. Grand Viscount General Renouf declared a quorum.

The minutes of the previous meeting on March 6, 2015, we distributed prior to the meeting, and there were no corrections, so were approved as presented.

Deputy Viscount General Rios reported that she attended the Texas Heritage Society Meeting in October 2014 with Past GVG Butler, Genealogista General Baron, and Registrar General Jane Power.

Under old business, the rules for the new scholarship contest were distributed. GVG Renouf encouraged members to attend the joint SAR-OFNA cruise to the Bahamas in May 2015. There was no update on the advertisement in *Family Tree Magazine*.

Seven Bylaws Amendments were presented from the Bylaws Committee: 1. Add the Genealogista General-Supplementals and permit supplemental applications, 2. Change the annual meeting from April to June/July, 3. Required executive committee approval for expenditures over \$100, 4. Define the insignia of the Order, 5. Allow state and district societies to be chartered, 6. Allow bylaws to be amended at any regular meeting, and 7. Increase officer terms to two years. Each amendment passed unanimously.

GVG Renouf presented charters for the Texas Society (01), the California Society (02), and the South Atlantic District (03). The charters were approved unanimously.

GVG Renouf requested the ratification of his appointment of Jane Power as Registrar General, of Valerie Laskowski as Chronicler General, and of David Grinnell as Genealogista General-Supplementals. Each appointment was ratified unanimously.

David Grinnell brought up the issue of incorporation of the state societies - should they incorporate as a separate entity and get their own 501c3 status, or should they be subsidiaries of the National OFNA. GVG Renouf created a Compliance Committee – consisting of Jane Power and David Grinnell (as co-chairs) to make a recommendation to the Annual Meeting in June 2015.

GVG Renouf created an Insurance Committee – consisting of David Grinnell, Cheryl Rios and Jim Jones – to investigate insurance options for National OFNA and state/district societies, and make a recommendation to the Annual Meeting in June 2015.

Carla Odom gave the benediction, and GVG Renouf received unanimous consent to adjourn the meeting at 1:50PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Renouf
Grand Viscount General